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## **ACACIA TECHNOLOGIES LICENSES INTERACTIVE TELEVISION PATENTS TO THOMSON**

Newport Beach, CA. – (BUSINESS WIRE) February 2, 2005 – Acacia Research Corporation (Nasdaq: ACTG: CBMX) announced today that KY Data Systems, LLC, a wholly owned subsidiary that is part of the Acacia Technologies Group, has entered into a non-exclusive, paid-up license with Thomson SA covering a portfolio of patents that apply to interactive television.

The patents, which are a part of the recently completed acquisition of 27 patent portfolios by Acacia from Global Patent Holdings, cover receivers such as set-top boxes and certain televisions used in digital satellite and digital cable systems that permit television viewers to access interactive television features supplied by their satellite and cable providers as part of their digital programming packages. Data, which is associated with the interactive television features and is broadcast along with the video signal, is extracted and processed by components within the receivers, and is then made available to viewers who choose to access the interactive television features through their remote control. Examples of such data include sports scores, weather information, stock updates, interactive games, and movie listings.

## **ABOUT ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION**

Acacia Research Corporation comprises two operating groups, Acacia Technologies group and CombiMatrix group.

The Acacia Technologies group develops, acquires, and licenses patented technologies. Acacia controls 29 patent portfolios, which include 126 U.S. patents, and certain foreign counterparts, covering technologies used in a wide variety of industries including audio/video-on-demand, digital ad insertion, interactive television, broadcast equipment, data transmission, cache coherency, data file synchronization, data matrix bar codes, dynamic manufacturing models, product activation, encryption, image resolution and enhancement, dynamic manufacturing models, scheduling software, interstitial Internet advertising, interactive simulation systems, peer to peer network communications, spreadsheet programs, endoscopic cameras, video noise reduction, and audio/video synchronization.

The CombiMatrix group is developing a platform technology to rapidly produce customizable active biochips, which are semiconductor-based tools for use in identifying and determining the roles of genes, gene mutations and proteins. CombiMatrix's technology has a wide range of applications including DNA synthesis/diagnostics, drug discovery, and immunochemical detection. CombiMatrix's Express Track<sup>sm</sup> drug discovery program is a systems biology approach, using its technology, to target common viral diseases with siRNA compounds.

Acacia Research-Acacia Technologies (Nasdaq: ACTG) and Acacia Research-CombiMatrix (Nasdaq: CBMX) are both classes of common stock issued by Acacia Research Corporation and are intended to reflect the performance of the respective operating groups and are not issued by the operating groups.

**Information about the Acacia Technologies group and the CombiMatrix group is available at [www.acaciaresearch.com](http://www.acaciaresearch.com).**

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